



Washington State Department of Early Learning

R&R Network Evaluation – December 2008 Update for ELAC

Workgroup Progress

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) has convened an internal workgroup that will meet externally with the Child Care Resource and Referral Network (R&R Network), and will work in conjunction with an ELAC liaison to advise and inform the process of preparing the report to the legislature.

The role of the workgroup is to guide the evaluation efforts of the R&R Network in providing information to parents and training and technical assistance to child care providers.

On December 4, DEL had an internal evaluation workgroup meeting, where various options for the evaluation were discussed.

On December 9 DEL staff met with R&R Network staff about evaluation report and process. The evaluation report will be developed by DEL staff, with participation from key R&R Network staff throughout the process.

DEL internal work group members:

- Karri Livingston, Eastern Service Area Manager
- Robert McLellan, Northwest Service Area Manager
- Joshua Verville, Southwest Service Area Manager
- Allison Cusick, Program Administrator, Systems, Partnerships and Collaboration Division
- Nancy Vernon, Program Specialist, Systems, Partnerships and Collaboration Division
- Judy King, Program Administrator, Parent Support Services Division
- Hans Dettling, Program Administrator, Quality Division
- Yonatan Eyal, Research Analyst, Information Technology Division

External Members: Amber Havens, ELAC Liaison; R&R Network

Legislative Report Progress

Report Goals

The final report, due June 2009, will provide the legislature an evaluation of the child care resource and referral network in 1) providing information to parents and 2) training and technical assistance provided to child care providers. Information will include:

- Overview of R&R system, including recent R&R system transformation;

- Data and Information – related to types and amount of information provided to parents and training and technical assistance provided to providers. A variety of data sources will be used, including past and recent evaluation results of the R&R system prior to transformation; and,
- Highlights of current evaluation activities, and progress toward building a framework for ongoing evaluation.

Next Steps

1. DEL internal workgroup will meet at least two times per month to plan and implement evaluation efforts.